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## "Original Sin and Public Policy"

Our national, state and local governments spend lots of money in trying to help people. The motives that most legislators and most voters have in enacting these programs are probably good and sincere and wholesome. They want to help people. But the problem with so many public policies is that they fail to understand the nature of human beings. They treat people as naturally good and sincere and kind. The Bible says that we are naturally self-centered and prone to evil.

Our society sees single mothers, trying to raise children alone, and decides that they need financial support. Single mothers discover that if they marry healthy men, that financial support gets cut off. So many couples remain unmarried in order to continue to get government support. Some women intentionally have more babies so that they can get additional government support.

In the recent national recession the federal government kept extending unemployment benefits, probably out of a sincere desire to help people suffering from the adverse affects of the economic downturn. A large number of these people stayed on unemployment assistance. When the funding finally stopped, a miraculously high percentage of the unemployed suddenly found jobs.

Out of a legitimate desire to protect national security, intelligence agencies have been given permission to spy on conversations involving Americans. Are intelligence agency leaders naturally good and would they never use such information inappropriately or for partisan political purposes?

A number of government agencies and nonprofits have promoted a program known as "Housing First," which argues that the problem of chronic homelessness is best solved by providing the homeless with housing with no restrictions regarding their backgrounds. The thinking is that people will naturally do better once they have a place to live.

A journalist describes one experience with this program: "Amber Gann was a 32-year-old single mother, fresh out of rehab and desperate to get her two daughters back from Child Protective Services, when a local service provider in San Diego offered her housing—no questions asked about her criminal record, her lack of employment, or her history of substance abuse. Gann was ecstatic: She would finally have a place of her own, and she made grand plans to lead a wonderfully normal life with her daughters.

"That dream shattered within 24 hours after she moved into her new home. At about 4 a.m., Gann woke up to a crackling BANG! She rushed downstairs to see a SWAT team tossing stun grenades into her neighbor's house. The police raided the place and removed packs of drugs, weapons, and ammunition.

"Gann soon learned that half of the tenants in her building were 'Housing First' recipients like her. Due to the low-barrier admissions policy of 'Housing First,' people were free to do whatever they wanted behind closed doors. The building walls reeked of marijuana and meth and often shook with drunken parties and arguments. Through her daughters, Gann learned that one neighbor was dealing drugs and prostituting his 11-year-old daughter out to his friends." (*World*, 11/25/2017)

Much of the success of our constitutional government is that our Founding Fathers recognized the reality of original sin. The executive and legislative and judicial branches were established largely as a check preventing one branch from misusing and abusing power. We Christian citizens would do well to keep the reality of original sin in mind when we consider government programs.

-Pastor Kurt

### MAN CAMP

Our annual men's retreat at Prescott Pines near Prescott, AZ, is scheduled for April 20-22. We typically meet at 10 AM on Friday and stop at Cracker Barrel in Kingman for lunch. Meals and bunkhouses are provided for the rest of the weekend. We return late Sunday afternoon. The featured speaker is Darien Bennett, Men's Ministry Pastor at Scottsdale Bible Church. You can find more details and register at [www.prescottpines.org](http://www.prescottpines.org). Cost for the weekend is \$120 by March 16, \$135 after March 16.



## MAN CAMP

Guys, consider joining us 04/20-22/18 as we head to Prescott Pines, AZ, for a weekend retreat with men from churches in AZ and NV. We'll have an inspiring speaker, great food, quality fellowship, fun outdoor activities & delightful music.

We'll meet at Bethany on Friday at 10 AM, have lunch in Kingman and arrive at Prescott Pines in the afternoon. We'll be home by late afternoon on Sunday. Cost for the weekend is \$135, but those who register by 03/16 get a \$15 discount. To register, go online to [prescottpines.org](http://prescottpines.org). Sign up on the clipboard at church so that we can plan transportation.

## Thank you!

"I can't thank you enough for your prayers, calls, emails, gifts and offers to help after surgery and during two months of radiation therapy! I was overwhelmed by the support of my Bethany family! May God bless each and every one of you ♥. Much love, Pat Amon"



## Ladies: Save These Dates:

April 21st - Spiritual Renewal Luncheon  
May 12th - Wetlands field trip/lunch  
July 7 - A Joyful Experience Brunch  
August 17th 3rd Saturday Fellowship  
September 15th 3rd Saturday Fellowship  
October 19-20, 2018 - Ladies Retreat  
November 17th 3rd Saturday fellowship

**Friday, March 9th**

**Ladies Aspire Event**

**7:00 pm**

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Marla (Turbo) Crawford
- 5<sup>th</sup> Doris Roush
- 7<sup>th</sup> Debra (DeeDee) Buchanan
- 9<sup>th</sup> Mike Baker
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sandy Crawford  
Bart Hedlund
- 11<sup>th</sup> Carla Carstensen
- 14<sup>t</sup> Cherry Aton
- 20<sup>th</sup> Eathen Paul Yazzie (07, son of Ben & Tillie)\*
- 24<sup>th</sup> Rosamary Bittencourt\*
- 28<sup>th</sup> Aline Jacques  
Kitty Ritenour
- 29<sup>th</sup> Sue Wilbur

## XYZ Potluck

Our XYZ Potluck will take place on Thursday, the 15th. Over 50? Bring a dish to share and come to the 5PM meal!



Bethany's 2017 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$23,700.74 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$23,700.74. Year to date giving, through January, totaled \$18,575.00. The difference was (\$5,125.74).

## **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 13<sup>th</sup> Doug & Nissy Cannon\*
- 31<sup>st</sup> Cecil & Barbara Forcum

\*indicates a missionary family

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Men's Bible Study 7 am Care Center Visit 9:45 am Deaconess 9am
4 12:30 pm BCMA Potluck @ Christ Lutheran Church Just come nothing to bring...	5	6 Ladies Bible Study 9 am And 6 pm	7 Prayer Time 7 am  Praise Team 5:30 pm	8	9 Ladies' Aspire Event 7:00pm	10 Men's Bible Study 7 am
11  Daylight Saving Christian Ed Mting. 12:30 pm	12	13 Ladies Bible Study 9 am And 6 pm	14 Prayer Time 7 am  Praise Team 5:30 pm	15 XYZ Potluck 5PM	16	17 Men's Bible Study 7 am
18 Deacons' Meeting after church	19  Spring!	20 Ladies Bible Study 9 am And 6 pm	21 Prayer Time 7 am  Praise Team 5:30 pm	22	23	24 Men's Bible Study 7 am
25	26	27 Ladies Bible Study 9 am And 6 pm	28 Prayer Time 7 am  Praise Team 5:30 pm	29	30 Elders' Meeting 3:00 pm	31 Men's Bible Study 7 am

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday:** Prayer Time - 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10 a.m.  
Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.  
Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Women's Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.  
Women's bible Study - 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting - 7:30 a.m.  
Praise Team 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday:** Men's Group - 7:00 a.m.

## CARE CENTER VISIT

Our next Care Center & Hospital Long Term Area Visit will be on Saturday, the 4th. Meet at 9:45 AM.

Come share time and sing some songs with the residents. Spend some time with those not able to attend a Sunday service!



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**2018 Boards**

**Board of Elders** - Bill Roush, *Chairman*

**Board of Deacons** - Lary Street, *Chairman*

**Board of Deaconesses** - Sue Wilbur, *Chairwoman*

**Christian Education Board** - Jenny Fletcher, *Chairwoman*

**Property Maintenance Board** - TBD, *Chairman*

**Missions Board** - Kathleen Hill, *Chairwoman*

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